

**SUBMISSION TO THE
NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD
FOR DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION**

Issue: Access Fees Charged to the Nunavut Fishing Industry by DFO for Shrimp in the WAZ and EAZ

Authority

Given that access fees are a key component of commercial fisheries management, the NFA believes the NWMB is the appropriate governing body to address this issue. Under Section 5.2.34 (d) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, the NWMB has the authority to approve plans for “(i) management, classification, protection, restocking or propagation, cultivation or husbandry of particular wildlife...” Under Section 5.3.8, which governs section 5.2.34, “when the NWMB makes a decision, it shall forward that decision to the Minister.”

Background

Access fees are standard practice in most non-Indigenous fisheries where fishing areas are not governed by Indigenous Land Claims Acts, Agreements, or Treaties. When fees are properly implemented and evenly applied, NFA members have no problem paying these fees on their allocations. However, in the WAZ and EAZ shrimp fisheries there are two distinct issues on access fees which our members are facing which need to be addressed in terms of equity and fairness. At present, the access fees unilaterally charged to industry by DFO on shrimp (both *P. borealis* and *P. montagui*) are \$67.96/tonne. For *montagui* access fees in the WAZ Land Claims area, DFO simply applied the *borealis* fees that were being used in non-Land Claims areas. This appears to have been done without proper process, in both Nunavut and Nunavik.

WAZ Access Fees

- The Western Assessment Zone (WAZ) is situated fully within the Settlement Areas of Nunavut and Nunavik, where the Wildlife Management Boards have jurisdiction. Since the *montagui* and *borealis* fishery was established in this area, based on survey research which has been fully funded by industry and other stakeholders in Nunavut and Nunavik, DFO has been invoicing NFA members for access fees on both species at an equivalent rate. In total, the current access fees charged to the Nunavut industry for *borealis* and *montagui* in the WAZ are \$514,389 per annum.
- NFA has been made aware that the Nunavik industry has not paid access fees in the WAZ since the start of this fishery. It is understood that the Nunavik industry takes the view that this region is under Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board (NMRWB) management and therefore they should not have to pay access fees.

- In contrast, NFA members have paid the majority of their access fees in the WAZ, with one member interrupting payment after learning of the situation in Nunavik. Millions in access fees have been paid by Nunavut industry
- NFA also understands that for First Nations in southern jurisdictions no access fees are paid on their communal fishery allocations.
- The annual stock survey in the WAZ is completed by the Northern Shrimp Research Foundation (NSRF), an industry organization, and fully paid for by stakeholders in Nunavut and Nunavik, consisting of industry and the Government of Nunavut (GN). As summarized in Appendix 1, since the initiation of this survey in 2014, NFA has paid almost \$1.3 Million towards the survey costs, for 55.1% of the total costs. In total, Nunavut stakeholders have covered 76.3% of the \$2.35 Million in contributions made to NSRF since 2014 to cover the survey costs. DFO has not provided any financial contribution towards the costs of undertaking this critical annual survey.
- NFA is seeking a decision from the Board on whether DFO has the right to charge access fees in an area which is subject to decision making by the NWMB without the Board's prior consent and approval.
- In addition, although montagui has been obtaining a much lower price than borealis in the market on a consistent basis, as detailed in Appendix 2, DFO has been charging the same access fees per tonne for both species. This is especially significant this year as the montagui prices have dropped significantly, such that these access fees now account for a significant portion of returns, making the fishery break-even at best. With one member in this fishery not paying any fees they have a competitive advantage in the market for montagui as compared to the Nunavut industry.
- Members of the NFA are asking NWMB make a decision to implement a moratorium on access fees within the Nunavut Land Claims Area, for equity and consistency with Nunavik. .
- In particular, NFA is requesting the NWMB consider, as part of its decision-making review: the overpriced fee structure for montagui as compared to much higher-valued borealis; the competitive disadvantage faced by Nunavut Inuit Companies compared to Nunavik Companies, and the significant contribution made by Nunavut fishing companies towards research costs, in the context of fee revenue being intended for research.

EAZ Access Fees

- The Eastern Assessment Zone (EAZ) is located primarily outside of the NSA (other than NU/NK E). In this area the Wildlife Boards do have a role to play in making recommendations to the Minister
- This Shrimp Fishing Area (SFA) is comprised of three sub-areas (the only SFA like this), i.e. Davis Strait West (DSW), Nunavut/Nunavik East (NU/NK E), and Davis Strait East (DSE). Both DSW and NU/NK E are

considered commercial fishing areas while DSE is considered exploratory. DSE is very much a hit or miss fishery with limited harvests on an annual basis, somewhat similar to SFA 1.

- DFO is requiring NFA members to pay 50% of their access fees for DSE up front, regardless of whether they plan to fish in this area. With NFA members holding substantial allocations in DSE, this is a significant financial burden for access to an area that in most cases will not be fished. The total up front payment required for Nunavut's share of the DSE quota would be close to \$55,000.
- For the offshore commercial shrimp sector, the longstanding practice has been for areas that are considered exploratory or questionable in terms of fishing success that participants could pay access fees in 50 tonne increments, as required, if they desired to try fishing in these areas. This has worked well and minimized the burden on industry.
- DFO has indicated that the 50% up front is written policy and that it is now being implemented for Nunavut industry, even though it was not in the past.
- NFA is requesting that the NWMB make a recommendation to the Minister on access fees in DSE (or any other exploratory area) where payment can be made in 50 t increments, as per past practice and to recognize the exploratory nature of these areas.

Stakeholder Consultation

NFA has reached out to its primary stakeholders to obtain their views and input on these issues. As outlined in Appendix 3, this has included several email exchanges with representatives of stakeholders in Nunavut, including the Government of Nunavut (GN), Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI), and the Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA). A conference call for these stakeholders was held on January 26th and attended by representatives from the GN, QIA and the NWMB.

DFO has also been contacted to provide their input and to provide notice of NFA's plans to make a submission to the NWMB on the access fees issues. Note that NFA was directed by DFO to approach the NWMB on these issues, given the Board's decision and recommendation making roles in the WAZ and EAZ respectively.

Summary of Request

NFA is requesting from the Board the following decisions/recommendations:

- 1) For the WAZ:
 - a. A decision by the NWMB to place a moratorium on access fees within the Nunavut Land Claims Area;
 - b. In its review and decision-making process, consideration of equity of the Nunavut industry: overpriced fees based on the market price differential between borealis and montagui shrimp; competitive disadvantage faced by Nunavut as compared to the Nunavik industry, and; research

survey costs for the WAZ are primarily paid directly by Nunavut fishing enterprises and stakeholders, with no financial support from DFO.

- 2) For the EAZ, a recommendation on the following:
 - a. That access fees in DSE, as an exploratory area, be payable up front in 50 tonne increments as utilized by allocation holders.

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Date: February 5, 2021

Appendix 1: Table of Contributions Toward Annual WAZ Shrimp Survey – 2014-2020

WAZ Survey Contributions		
2020		
NFA	\$163,500	50.0%
Makivik	\$163,500	50.0%
Total	\$327,000	100.0%
2019		
NFA	\$179,944	56.9%
Makivik	\$136,247	43.1%
Total	\$316,190	100.0%
2018		
NFA	\$217,994	68.9%
GN	\$43,579	13.8%
Makivik	\$54,599	17.3%
Total	\$316,172	100.0%
2017		
NFA	\$207,587	69.0%
GN	\$41,516	13.8%
Makivik	\$51,897	17.2%
Total	\$301,000	100.0%
2016		
NFA	\$175,000	60.3%
GN	\$40,000	13.8%
BF	\$25,000	8.6%
Makivik	\$50,000	17.2%
Total	\$290,000	100.0%
2015		
NFA	\$175,000	42.7%
GN	\$160,000	39.0%
BF	\$25,000	6.1%
Makivik	\$50,000	12.2%
Total	\$410,000	100.0%
2014		
NFA	\$175,000	45.1%
GN	\$138,000	35.6%
BF	\$25,000	6.4%
Makivik	\$50,000	12.9%
Total	\$388,000	100.0%
2014 to 2020		
NFA	\$1,294,025	55.1%
GN	\$423,095	18.0%
BF	\$75,000	3.2%
Makivik	\$556,243	23.7%
Total	\$2,348,362	100.0%

Appendix 2: Market Price Differentials – *P. borealis* vs *P. montagui*

Price Differentials Between *P. borealis* and *P. montagui* Shrimp

The following paragraphs outline details on actual market price differentials between *P. borealis* and *P. montagui* shrimp obtained by Nunavut companies. For confidentiality purposes, the data has been summarized.

P. montagui as a targeted fishery is a relatively new species and when the volumes of the species were low the price differentials were minimal. However, with the rapid expansion in volumes in recent years, largely from the WAZ fishery, this situation has changed and price differentials with borealis have expanded and overall market prices have declined. In the early years, as industry was learning how to handle and process this species, there were quality issues (black spot) which impacted on prices and demand. Although these issues have been largely addressed, as demonstrated below the price differentials continue to expand. As such, the Nunavut industry is seeking to undertake a targeted marketing and branding program for montagui to address this situation in the coming years, with support from external sources.

Excerpt from Marketing Proposal Submitted by NFA to CanNor:

Background

The Canadian shrimp industry harvests two commercial species, *P. borealis* and *P. montagui*. The *P. borealis* is considered the main commercial species, with the largest quotas and is also considered by industry to be preferable in terms of quality and value. *P. montagui*, in contrast, is located in northern Shrimp Fishing Areas (SFAs) and until recently has not been a focus for industry. As such, minimum effort has been expended in general to evaluate and develop market opportunities for this species and industry has been accepting prices which are significantly discounted from their *P. borealis* sale values. Allocations of *P. montagui* shrimp are primarily held by northern indigenous businesses in Nunavut and Nunavik. These northern interests hold 100% of directed *P. montagui* allocations and 79% of total allocations (the remaining as bycatch allocations in the *P. borealis* fishery). In 2019, the quotas for *P. montagui* increased significantly in the Western Assessment Zone (WAZ), with a 95% increase almost doubling the allocations available to Nunavut and Nunavik industry players for directed fishing. The current breakdown of *P. montagui* shrimp allocations by quota holder is outlined in the following table.

2019 <i>P. montagui</i> Allocations					
	WAZ	EAZ	SFA 4	Total	%
Nunavut	5,987.5	337.2	355.9	6,680.6	40%
Nunavik	5,987.5	165.2	355.9	6,508.6	39%
Remaining Offshore (bycatch)	0.0	337.6	3,321.2	3,658.8	22%
Totals	11,975.0	840.0	4,033.0	16,848.0	100%
Note: NU and NK allocations for EAZ and SFA 4 include their respective shares of offshore bycatch in these areas. NU and NK hold 100% of directed <i>P. montagui</i> allocations.					

Price Differentials

The price differentials between borealis and montagui shrimp sales can be quite significant and can be even higher when coldwater shrimp is under negative pressure in terms of demand and overall price levels. Coldwater shrimp prices were under downward pressure in 2019 for all players in the sector, placing further pressure on *P. montagui* demand and pricing. At present, given the overall downward price pressure on coldwater shrimp, which is being further exacerbated by the COVID-19 crisis, and the significant discounts on *P. montagui*, the viability of harvesting this species by the Nunavut industry is questionable.

A review of pricing data provided confidentially by Nunavut industry participants for the past three years illustrates the significant price differentials and how the relative differentials have increased, especially for smaller industrial shrimp. For cooked borealis and montagui the price differentials ((borealis-montagui)/montagui) have ranged for similar pack sizes from 7-24% in 2017, to 20-50% in 2018, and 26-50% in 2019. For industrial shrimp the differentials have varied from 63-73% in 2018 to 112-125% in 2019. Although some of the price differentials may be attributable to some intrinsic differences in the species, any such differences do not account for the wide disparity experienced by industry.

Update to Include 2020 Prices:

For 2020 harvested shrimp, the price differential between borealis and montagui on cooked shrimp has ranged from 23% early in the season to 76% later in the season as markets tightened, while for industrial the price differential has been around 128%.

In addition to the differential in prices between the species which has expanded in recent years, the overall market prices for both species have been declining in recent years. For montagui, prices have declined by over 185% over three years and around 75% since last year.

(Detailed price sheets can be provided to NWMB on a confidential basis)

Appendix 3: Correspondence with Stakeholders on Access Fees Issues

Correspondence with Nunavut stakeholders (GN, NTI, QIA), initiated on October 19, 2020 (5 emails)

Correspondence with DFO (2 emails)

From: [Brian Burke](#)
To: ["Martin, Zoya"](#); [Andrew Bresnahan](#); [Andrew Randall](#); [Jeffrey Maurice](#)
Subject: EAZ/WAZ Shrimp Access Fees Submission for the Next NWMB Board Meeting
Date: October 19, 2020 3:33:00 PM

Good afternoon,

NFA's members who are participating in the EAZ and WAZ shrimp fisheries have been experiencing issues with DFO access fees in these fisheries which, once again, demonstrate the inequitable and less than fair treatment we are experiencing from DFO Arctic. As a result, as outlined below, NFA is planning to bring forward a submission to the NWMB Board for consideration at their upcoming December Board meeting. NFA is requesting support from our stakeholders on this issue, either through participating in a joint submission with NFA or through making individual representation to the NWMB in support of our submission. The final date for submission to the NWMB in advance of the next Board meeting is November 6th, as such time is of the essence.

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 - NFA has found out that Makivik has not paid access fees since the start of this fishery, refusing to do so based on decisions in this area being up to the Wildlife Boards and not DFO and we have heard that they also have a legal opinion in support of their position. In contrast, one of the NFA members has paid their access fees every year and another stopped paying for a couple of years after learning of the Makivik situation but had to pay again this year or DFO would refuse to transfer their license to another vessel for fishing in this area. Upwards of \$1M has been paid in access fees by Nunavut industry while Nunavik industry has paid none.
 - NFA also understands that in the south First Nations pay no access fees on their communal fishery allocations.
 - NFA now questions whether DFO has the right to charge access fees in an area which is subject to decision making by the Boards without their prior consent and approval. Are land claims rights being ignored by DFO?
 - In addition, although montaguui has been obtaining a much lower price than borealis in the market, DFO has been charging the same access fees per tonne for both species. This is especially significant this year as the montaguui prices have dropped significantly, such that these access fees now account for a significant portion of returns, making the fishery break-even at best. With Makivik not paying any fees they have a competitive advantage in the market for montaguui.

- NFA members have discussed this with DFO management and have been told that this should be brought to the Wildlife Boards.
- NFA is proposing to make a submission to the NWMB requesting a decision of the Board on whether Nunavut industry members should be paying access fees, to whom, and at what level.
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 - Although the Eastern Assessment Zone (EAZ) is outside of the NSA (other than NU/NK E), the Wildlife Boards do have a role to play in making recommendations to the Minister in this area.
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 - For the first time, DFO Arctic is now requiring NFA members to pay 50% of their access fees for DSE up front, regardless of whether they plan to fish in this area. In addition, one member has asked if these fees for the DSE subarea can be transferred to one of the other subareas in the EAZ if not used and has been told no. With NFA members holding substantial allocations in DSE this is a significant financial burden for access to an area that in most cases will not be fished.
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Subject: RE: EAZ/WAZ Shrimp Access Fees Submission for the Next NWMB Board Meeting
Date: November 3, 2020 8:54:00 AM
Attachments: [NFA Submission to NWMB on Shrimp Access Fees - NFA Nov 6 2020 Final.docx](#)

Good morning,

Attached is the submission NFA has prepared for the NWMB on the access fees issue. Please review and provide any comments and suggestions today if at all possible, as I have to get the document translated and submitted by this Friday. As per the prior emails, NFA would appreciate your support on this important issue. NFA members have paid DFO millions of dollars for access fees since the WAZ fishery started while Makivik has paid none, hardly a fair situation, especially when the margins on montagui are so tight (or possibly non-existent this year).

Regards,

Brian

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Subject: FW: NWMB Review of Nunavut Fisheries Association's Request for NWMB Decision and Recommendations Concerning Access Fees Charged to the Nunavut Fishing Industry
Date: November 18, 2020 6:12:00 PM
Attachments: [NFA Submission to NWMB on Shrimp Access Fees - NFA Nov 6 2020 Final.pdf](#)
[NWMB ltr to NU Fisheries Association RE Access Fees ENG.pdf](#)
Importance: High

See attached from the NWMB denying our request for a chance to present this issue at their upcoming December meeting. As you recall I did reach out to each of you on this issue and requested your input and support. With respect to DFO, it was actually David Whorley who had indicated to one of my members that this needed to go to the NWMB for review. I would greatly appreciate if you could each inform the NWMB of this prior contact and request and, if possible, indicate your support for our position. I have sent an immediate request for the NWMB to reconsider their position and this would greatly help. Otherwise our industry will continue to be treated unfairly on this issue into another fishing year.

Stakeholder support would be greatly appreciated. If you are unable or unwilling to provide this support please let me know as soon as possible.

Regards,

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Subject: NWMB Review of Nunavut Fisheries Association's Request for NWMB Decision and Recommendations Concerning Access Fees Charged to the Nunavut Fishing Industry
Importance: High

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PS the Inuktitut translation will be sent when we get it back from our translator, please let us know if you have any questions/comments, thanks again.

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Subject: RE: NWMB Review of Nunavut Fisheries Association's Request for NWMB Decision and Recommendations Concerning Access Fees Charged to the Nunavut Fishing Industry
Date: January 18, 2021 6:19:00 PM

Good afternoon,

Following up on our access fees issue and obtaining input from the GN, NTI and QIA. We need to bring this back to the NWMB for their next Board meeting and need your input/response on the issues and/or a note indicating that your organization has been consulted. We can organize a call to discuss collectively or individually if you prefer.

Regards,

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From: Taqialuq Sataa <tsataa@nwmb.com>
Sent: November 18, 2020 5:41 PM
To: Brian Burke <executivedirector@noaha.ca>
Cc: Gabriel Nirlungyuk <gabriel.nirlungayuk@dfo-mpo.gc.ca>; david.whorley@dfo-mpo.gc.ca
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Location: Call #: 866 969-8429 ID: 5111556#

Start: Tue 2021-01-26 3:00 PM
End: Tue 2021-01-26 4:00 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Accepted

Organizer: Andrew Bresnahan

For ease, this scheduler may appear in our calendars. Feel free to edit as needed.
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From: Brian Burke <executivedirector@noaha.ca>
Sent: January 25, 2021 10:29 AM
To: Martin, Zoya <ZMartin@gov.nu.ca>; Andrew Bresnahan <ABresnahan@QIA.ca>; Andrew Randall <ARandall@QIA.ca>; Onalik, Jimi <JOnalik@GOV.NU.CA>; Jeff Maurice <jmaurice@tunnigavik.com>
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Fantastic. Let's go ahead with the call for 1:30 pm Eastern, using the following contact details:

Meeting Date: January 26, 2021
Meeting time: 1:30 pm Eastern
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Looking forward to the discussion and getting our partners' input on this important issue.

Regards,

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From: Martin, Zoya <ZMartin@gov.nu.ca>
Sent: January 25, 2021 11:51 AM
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Hi Brian,

Tomorrow works for me as well.

Thanks
Andrew

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From: Brian Burke <executivedirector@noaha.ca>

Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 8:12:58 AM

To: Martin, Zoya <ZMartin@gov.nu.ca>; Onalik, Jimi <JOnalik@GOV.NU.CA>; Andrew Bresnahan <ABresnahan@QIA.ca>; Andrew Randall <ARandall@QIA.ca>; Jeffrey Maurice <JMaurice@tunngavik.com>

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Good morning,

Looking to set a meeting time to discuss the access fees issues with the GN, QIA and NTI. Would 1 pm or later EST tomorrow (Tuesday) work for each of you? Let me know what time would be best and I will send around an invite.

Attached again is the NFA submission to the NWMB.

Regards,

Brian

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Sent: January 18, 2021 6:19 PM

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To: [Whorley, David](#)
Subject: Access Fee Issues
Date: January 18, 2021 6:32:00 PM
Attachments: [NWMB ltr to NU Fisheries Association RE Access Fees ENG.pdf](#)
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From: [Brian Burke](#)
To: [Whorley, David](#)
Subject: RE: Access Fee Issues
Date: January 31, 2021 3:40:00 PM

David,

Good afternoon. Following up on my prior email, NFA held a meeting with its Nunavut stakeholders on these issues last Tuesday, which was attended by representatives from the GN, QIA and the NWMB. We are planning to resubmit our request to the NWMB this coming week, in time for their March Board meeting. Please let me know if you wish to discuss in advance of our submission, I will forward the final copy to you in advance.

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From: Brian Burke
Sent: January 18, 2021 6:33 PM
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